## NEW YORK CITY TO THE FOREFRONT IN DEFENCE WORK

Ready Response to Call Testifies to High Patriotism of the Metropolis, Says Mayor Mitchel---Commissioner Woods Making of Police Force Over 11,000 Strong a Valuable Auxiliary to Regular Land Forces

Mayor of the City of New York.

new months to the reserve was a contract of



Mayor John Purroy Mitchel.

month in intentraining for an emergency which at any time may confront the nation, From my own brief experience at Plattsburg last summer I know that camp routine is no child's play. Those who are giving up their vacations find nothing of that luxurious rest which might have been theirs through many a summer day. It is a serious and arduous service that the men are expected to render. Recruits recognize that fact now, and therefore the splendid response that the call to Plattsburg has met this year is espe-

cially encouraging.

We have been told that there is something in the life of a city like New York which makes men self-centred, complacent, unmindful of the call of duty. The spirit of self-sacrifice which has impelled all classes to enter upon this period of military training speaks well not only for the municipality but for the future of American democracy.

We Americans are solving, or attempting to solve, a great funda- control of vital initiative, and would mental problem. In our 136 years of develop in him the power to take care mational life we have done much of of himself and of others. which makes for a progressive civili- loyal citizenry trained to arms. sation, the future of this nation is

tion, under its democratic institutions, go equal obligations. ple to-day. I have no doubt that 1

opinion, lies in the adoption of uni- preservation?

discharge it at the nation's call. girt nations of Europe. It is not a lies a genuine, honest, hearty love of system which would rob the productive period of life of the fruits of in. patriotism that makes certain the ultimake for the highest personal effi- on this question. ciency, both for the pursuits of peace. The city government of New York, had at that time been had and war, by teaching to the individual as a government, has no direct requestion of national defence.

gratification to us

zen reserve.

campment at Plattsburg had its full quota of recruits from the city. The encampment of this year is distinguished by the increasing numbers of the citizenry of New Many who could ill afford the time or money have devoted themselves whole heartedly to individual prepared ness while literally hundreds of employers in this city have done all in their power to make it possible for those in their employ to spend a

which any nation may well be proud.
We have built up a great civilization training could be mild, such as is given to the juniors at the Plattsburg camps to the juniors at the Plattsburg camps to the juniors at the Plattsburg camps to the force of that opinion to bear upon or is planned for the schoolboys who will go to Plum Island. Then in managed adequate national defence. After the adequate national defence. After the adequate national defence a proto a state of at least comparative effi- year devoted to military drill which clency. We believe that in civic, in would fit those who undertook it to be commercial, in industrial life and in efficient soldiers and to realize that our social structure, in everything high ideal—a republic defended by a how best Congressional action for the

The future of a democracy like ours should be doubly safe under a system | might be promoted. Finally St. Louis so democratic in its very essence. The invited New York to join with her in amocracy can be efficient, not only Australia, two of the most democratic

ne such a capacity will be developed heavy burden for a free people to bear was discussed at that convention. and that a system of defence will be as the price of continued freedom. Are There were many views expressed. built up which will protect our insti- we willing to admit that a democracy There was only one plan against develops individual selfishness to the which not one word of criticism or The solution of the problem, in my very extinction of a capacity for self- opposition was heard, and that was

man, be he rich or poor, may recognize as to the borders. I had occasion t I believe in universal training, not of national defence when I attended try under Pederal direction and con common with the system of the steel. contration of the American character On the contrary it would mate answer of the American people

national demand whose duty it should be to organize inevitably ultimate solution of

nation, as it has been in fact ever since reserve; because such a reserve is abthe outbreak of the European war, we solutely essential to any plan of milisource of keen gratification to us who are servants of the city, might, tary preparedness on land; because I have rested content with taking our believe that the Plattsburg camps offer all to note with modest part as private citizens. It to the men of the republic the single what cuthusiasm business and protopsional men in fessional men in the city of New York have responded to the appointed and the responded to the sponder of the responder of the respondent of the responder of the responder of the respondent of the responder of the respondent of th



Capt. E. B. Martindale, C. A. C., in command of the camp, inspecting the first battalion. Inspector Cohen (behind Capt. Martindale), Capt. Coleman and Lieutenants Campbell

cedure which other cities followed. establishment of adequate defences

calling such a convention in St. Louis. Australia, two of the most democratic mayor Kiel of St. Louis and I sent units in the world. It is a perfect means for the expression of equality.

Australia, two of the most democratic out a telegram to nine other Mayors asking them to unite in a general call ser self-preservation. Has this na- for it recognizes that with equal rights which went out to upward of 600 muthe, capacity to develop effective de-fences against attack? That is the American. It was advocated by Washlem which confronts us as a peo- ington, contemplated by the Constitu- Mayors and the others by citizen com-

obligatory military service for the rersal military training under Federal This problem of defence is not one whole male charactery.

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Which concerns only the communities ultimately adopted by the convention which concerns only the communities. sation of democratic citizenship. The of the Atlantic and the Pacific coasts, by unanimous vote declared for: First, obligation to undertake it should be it is as important to the great indus- a navy equal in strength to that of exshrined in organic law so that every trial and middle district of our country any other Power; second, the manning of coast defences up to full capacity to the full his duty and be ready to observe how the interior of the United and strength; third, the organization

States was being aroused to the needs of the physical resources of the counas a theory, but as a policy of selfpreservation which the American peoLouis. I am convinced that the people regular army in accordance with the ple should adopt now if they would are prepared now to respond to the recommendations of the General Staff avoid the hazard of disaster. This is not militarism, for it has nothing in Under all the self-seeking and self-conby a reserve consisting of the entire

> convention of cities in St. Louis em- of the auxiliary facilities available in bodied the most authoritative and di- the greater city, have been organized ory and practice and do a long, hard service for shepherding a frightened rect expression of public opinion that into a practical working plan that will. twelve hours work in the open each flock and maintaining the service lines regardless of the teachings of history, and maintenance

## came the proposal that a convention POLICE FORCE NOW READY FOR ANY EMERGENCY ate machine and rapid fire guins. The Home Defence League, a citi-

By ARTHUR WOODS, Commissioner of Police.

OLICE preparedness is nothing more than knowing the job nicipalities. There were seventy-five years only we can see where the feeding of half a million or a million know now as the Home Defence it in six months. police of some of our cities were not refugees. To this end the organiza- League.

ect the citizens. York we have been at this prepared-

quake, cyclone, tidal wave, conflagra- there is sufficient pride and enthusiasm intelligence of the man and the numtion or possible invasion.

and being ready for any emer. ment ever would probably face would therefore the inspectors have gone average of nine hours a day of actual gency. If we look back a few be the transportation, shelter and ahead with an organization which you work-pretty hard work-you can do for an emergency, notably San tion of a subsistence department, with but in each case moniously together when needed.

I believe that the programme of the officers and men, together with most summer to work under army officers making friends with the people in a

cation system, in addition to laying out, constructing and maintaining camps, including the issuing, prepar-

ing and serving of food.

All this instruction now being reas well as police officers must not policeman's lob is a varied one. He part health officer, part peace officer and part military officer. He has been about everything except the military

ad never had an opportunity to haning military instruction to enable them to know how to command men and possible. how to give their commands intelli- time of war would be an act of indecers and men the value of morale and instruction officers and men are taught fore the Senate Committee on Military tagonists concerning whom we rifles and revolvers and how to oper-

emergency such as a flood, earthexperiment. Police officers believe that training depends entirely upon the ulation during the early stages of in citizens to respond in numbers ber of hours you can give him; work-One of the biggest jobs the depart- enough to build a reserve police force; ing men as we did last summer an

We have roughly 200 companies of

paring food are listed and see resisted upon, they will no doubt soon sheep.

show what to do it, fitting with cooking and eating uten
badge of authority and be allowed to those who came into camp last year—

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badge of authority and be allowed to those who came into camp last year the sils, listing all sources of food supply parade and give drills to show the of course they were an extraordinary from ideals and with a great result Inited States as well as the quickest route to reach city what such an organization can lot; but the discipline of those men improvement in the morals, play all them. Members of the force have accomplish. It must be kept in mind and the order of the camp and the pocalled in to pro- received detailed instruction in both all the time that this reserve police lice and the attention to duty, Here in New ork we have been to day in the model police when the regular police force will be play the game, were perfect. They

New York policemen in camp at Fort Wadsworth. Inspection of quarters with tents folded to disclose cots and equipment. eived they are taught calls. structive peace game. It stimulates work and brotherhood previously lack-

the policeman's interest in the well ing and builds up a healthy espri-tuto- being of citizens and it increases the corps. These are a few of the th and confidence of the citizens in the po- which real police preparedness no

## GEN. WOOD'S SPOKEN VIEWS ON BEST DEFENCE POLICY

conception of what war would mean insurance against war? Or shall a with an organized and prepared na- accept for our guide for the fut tion, and it is principally with war the theory of those deluded person taught at various times in his career with such a nation that we are con- who tell us that wars are over cerned. No greater folly could be committed than to follow the course which is occasionally recommended, of leaving the burden of war for time

"Quite the contrary is true. The e more than two or three platoons burden of war must be spread over a much longer time of preparation than the period of war. This burden must be in the form of preparation, organization, the provision of supplies. the training of men. all with the object of making the war short, suc-The police officers are to-day receiv- cessful, and its burden as light as School, New Hampshire.

"To leave the burden of war to the scribable felly and indicate on the part in future of those advocating it a failure to gather anything from the lessons of the past and present."—Testimony be-

"The length of time required to make an efficient soldier by intensive with a rush from the best of the

There is the discipline of intelligence, which is the best of all. That is Francisco when the big quake came; all the details of the commissary and a hundred men each in process of or where the man surrenders himself volington, contemplated by the Constitution, recognized as vital by the founders of the republic. Surely it is no days the question of national defence.

Mayors and the others by citizen committees appointed by Mayors. For two
Dayton, Onlo, when the waters rose, a quartermaster's duties, is one of the
ganization and drill. They are meetuntarily and is absolutely a willing
most important features of this preing weekly in yacant lots and school
soldier. The other is the discipline to volunteer for paredness work. It means that the and other buildings, are electing their of habit. The discipline of intelligence anything; cour-department must harness every avail-own officers and going to work with a is illustrated on a ship when the first ageous and brave, able resource inside the department wonderful enthusiasm under the su- class passengers go one by one into s they always are, and out so that they will work har- pervision of the police captain of the the boat; the other kind of discipline they were only at- To this end policemen who have If these companies continue to show mate and the boatswain standing in tempting the imhad experience in cooking and prepossible. They

had experience in cooking and prehard work, if they show they can be keep the steerage from herding in like

at this prepared camp at fort Wadsworth.

Arthur Woods, ness work for over a year now and are manhood of the nation, trained to milliary service.

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The police force has shown what it office menths with our recruits under favorable conditions. Testimony but they are relatively small once of upward of 11,000 uniformed but they are relatively small once of upward of 11,000 uniformed but they are relatively small once of upward of 11,000 uniformed but they are relatively small once of upward of 11,000 uniformed but they are relatively small once of upward of 11,000 uniformed but they are relatively small once of upward of 11,000 uniformed but they are relatively small once of upward of 11,000 uniformed but they are relatively small once of upward of 11,000 uniformed but they are relatively small once of upward of 11,000 uniformed but they are relatively small once of upward of 11,000 uniformed but they are relatively small once of upward of 11,000 uniformed but they are relatively small once of upward of 11,000 uniformed but they are relatively small once of upward of 11,000 uniformed but they are relatively small once of upward of 11,000 uniformed but they are relatively small once of upward of 11,000 uniformed but they are relatively small once of upward of 11,000 uniformed but they are relatively small once of upward of 11,000 uniformed but they are relatively small once of upward of 11,000 uniformed but they are relatively small once of upward of 11,000 uniformed but they are relatively small once of upward of 11,000 uniformed but they are relatively small once of upward of 11,000 uniformed but they are relatively small once of upward of 11,000 uniformed but

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had at that time been had on the it is believed check if not quite pre-day, with lectures and demonstrations of a great city in time of terror will making no adequate preparation for destablishments alone the possibilities of the hour, or shall

country and we have not the slightest which is that preparedness is the be Russo-Japanese war was t then that the Balkan war w

be the last? The answer is 'No.' W the future by the past and make a preparation to protect and safego those rights handed down to us forefathers." - Speech before St. Pan:

"We cannot depend upon volunteer

any serious apprehension are so to train volunteers and certaini time to train officers, Volunteers but their enthusiasm soon passes aw -St Paul's School speech.

"There has been a general haptay

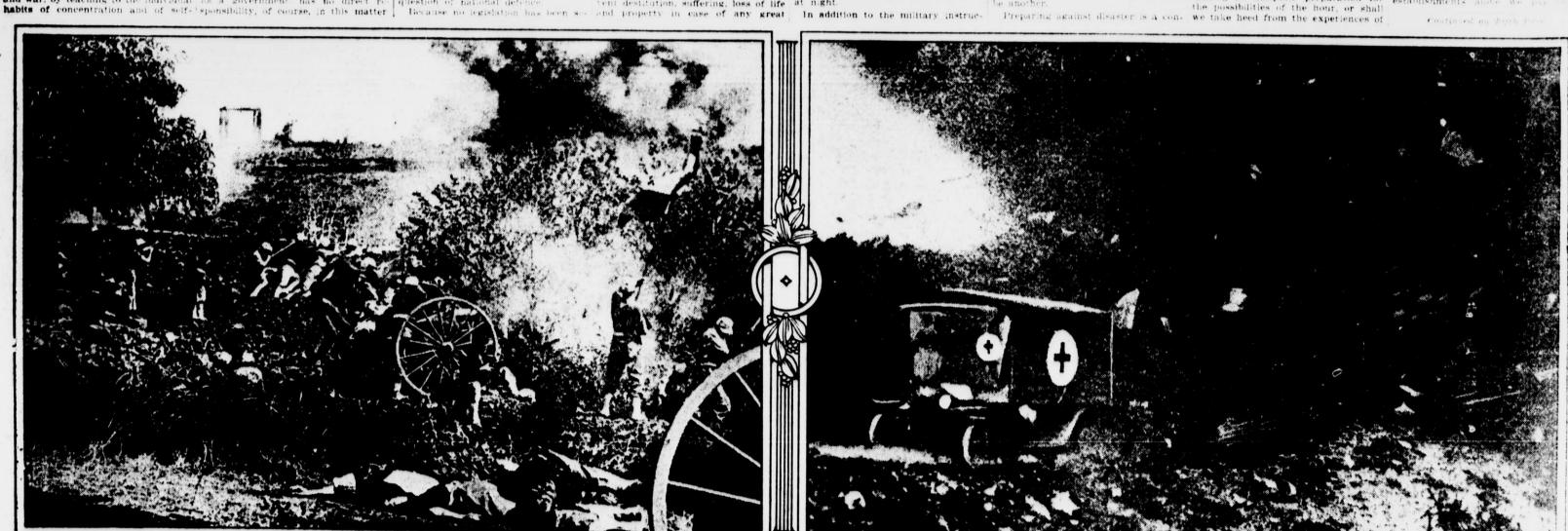
There are two kinds of discipline. and policy and a blind dependence ence upon some one else doing one of the population should assume

another group is going voluntarily perform their military duties. versal. It is a tax upon which fected, as has been done in Switze

War and Business.

"We must take an intelligent and

"The question is, Shall we drift on do for the army. For the



Motion pictures aid in campaign for preparedness.